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Chris Field
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Ref: TDD T10-9401-003

Dear Chris:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Superfund Response and Investigation Branch tasked the Ecology and Environment, Inc. Technical Assistance Team (TAT) to conduct an assessment of the Spokane Junk Yard Site (SJY) to determine the extent of damage to the fence surrounding this National Priorities List site.

TAT drove to SJY to assess the extent of the damage to the fence surrounding the property on January 12, 1994, and found an area where the fence had been cut and vehicles driven onto the site. During this visit TAT met with several fencing contractors to discuss reinforcement options and repair costs. TAT suggested running high tensile aircraft cable at 1-foot intervals around 1,200 feet of highly accessed area. Emerald City Services was selected from six subcontractor bid packages and performed the work from March 12-20, 1994. On March 21, 1994, in conjunction with other activities, TAT drove past SJY and documented that the work was performed per the contract. On April 15, 1994, in conjunction with other site activities, TAT visited the site to perform photo documentation of the repair work and discovered that the aircraft cable clamps had been cut, and the cable pulled back and re-clamped to another post at the corner of Bridgeport and Cook Streets. The fence was then cut, and the site accessed again. Photographs are in Attachment A.

TAT has several recommendations to help resolve this problem. All structures inside the fence could be demolished, thereby eliminating the attraction for vandals to the site. The aircraft cable could be welded to itself and occasionally to the fence so it would be virtually impossible to remove.

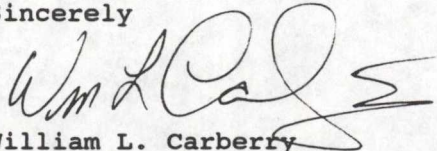
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A police investigation into this particular act of vandalism, as well as increased police surveillance, should be requested by the EPA. It would have taken at least two hours to perform this breach of the fence. Local residents called the police during the TAT's most recent visit to the site.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wm L Carberry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William L. Carberry
Technical Assistance Team Leader

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Enclosure

cc: William Longston, U.S. EPA On Scene Coordinator

PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Camera Serial No.: EPA 645480 TDD No.: T10-9401-005

Site Name: Spokane Junk Yard Fence

Photographer: John Roland, TAT

Date: April 15, 1994

Photo No.	Description
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| 1) | Area where cables were restrung by site trespassers from the north to south of Cook St. and Bridgeport Road approximately 35 to 40 feet. |
| 2) | Hole cut by vandals and re-tied to look as though no illegal entry was made. |
| 3) | Cable strung as per subcontract. |
| 4) | Tie off point 600 feet down railroad bed. |
| 5) | Cable strung along Liberty St. |
| 6) | Cable turn point at the corner of Liberty St. and the railroad bed. |





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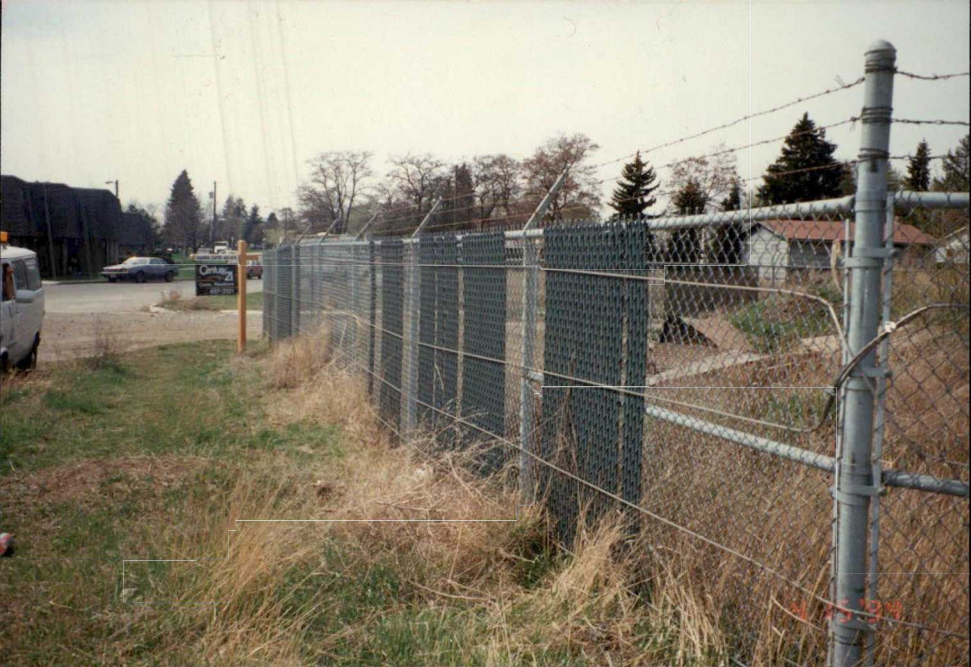
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